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## Announcements

**Attention MBP3 Members** – annual reporting forms for 2007 are now available at [http://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/deq-ess-p2-mbp3-performancemeasurements\\_189893\\_7.doc](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/deq-ess-p2-mbp3-performancemeasurements_189893_7.doc)

**EPA Celebrates Earth Day throughout April**  
<http://www.epa.gov/EarthDay/>

## Informational Requests

If you have information or comments regarding "Informational Requests", please send them to Jeff Spencer, MBP3 Coordinator, at [spencerj3@michigan.gov](mailto:spencerj3@michigan.gov) (unless otherwise indicated).

1. "Does anyone know of a composting facility that will (or is willing to) accept food waste along with biodegradable service ware?"

## Environmental Awareness

**Nissan Green Program**  
[http://www.nissan-global.com/en/document/pdf/environment/othermaterials/nissangreenprogram\\_E\\_.pdf](http://www.nissan-global.com/en/document/pdf/environment/othermaterials/nissangreenprogram_E_.pdf)

**LED Lighting Efficiencies**  
<http://www.ilumisys.com/>

**Environmental Protection Agency - 2008 Healthy Communities Grant Program Synopsis**  
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppId=41123>

**Recreational boaters donate to get St. Joseph River dredged**  
<http://www.mlive.com/newsflash/michigan/index.ssf?/base/business-15/1206640451197020.xml&storylist=newsmichigan>

**Working Toward Sustainability through Environmental Stewardship and Collaboration**  
<http://www.epa.gov/ocem/nacept/reports/pdf/2008-0328-everyones-business-final.pdf>

**Clean Air – Cool Planet**  
<http://www.cleanair-coolplanet.org/>

**Michigan Coastal News – Spring 2008**  
[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/deq-ess-clm-mcn-spring08\\_229382\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/deq-ess-clm-mcn-spring08_229382_7.pdf)

**Washington Nationals Open First Green US Ballpark**  
<http://www.ens-newswire.com/ens/mar2008/2008-03-29-091.asp>

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**DEQ Recognizes 11 Michigan Facilities with Clean Corporate Citizen Longevity Awards**

[http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-3308\\_3323---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-3308_3323---,00.html)

**Patagonia Shares Eco-Footprint of Select Products with Consumers**

<http://www.patagonia.com/usa/footprint/index.jsp>

**Law Firm Adds Sustainability Initiative**

<http://www.sheppardmullin.com/press-releases-225.html>

**The Digital Transition**

<http://www.michigandtv.com/>

**Xerox's Sustainability Calculator Tracks Environmental Impact of Office Equipment**

<http://www.consulting.xerox.com/flash/thoughtleaders/suscalc/xeroxCalc.html>

**Coca-Cola Aims for 'Water Neutrality'**

<http://www.resourcesaver.org/file/toolmanager/CustomO16C45F97541.pdf>

## Recycling

**Tritium EXIT signs**

[http://www.trainex.org/web\\_courses/tritium/index.htm](http://www.trainex.org/web_courses/tritium/index.htm)

## Energy Related

**GreenCurrents – A Renewable Energy Option**

<http://my.dteenergy.com/products/greenCurrents/>

**Michigan Senate has also voted to require electric suppliers to offer green power programs.**  
SB 1040 passed and will provide up to a \$200 tax credit.

**Does Your iPod Battery die** while you're on the treadmill? Keep an eye out for a new knee brace designed to harvest energy from a walker's stride. From only one minute of movement, the device described in Science can generate enough energy to power a cell phone for half an hour.

**The Betsie Bay Inn** has earned Green Lodging Michigan (GLM) Steward certification.

<http://www.betsiebayinn.com/>

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**Moon Power** will soon be certified by the Michigan Renewable Energy Exchange (MI-REX). Eligible technologies will include photovoltaic systems that capture moonlight and tidal energy systems. Since Moon Power renewable energy certificates are rare, it is expected that they will sell for around \$100 per MWH.

**Rebuild Mid-Michigan Commercial Energy Seminar** will be held on May 20, 8:00-4:30 at the Lansing Center. Utility bills, O&M practices, HVAC, retrofitting older buildings, lighting, and renewable energy will all be covered. [www.urbanoptions.org](http://www.urbanoptions.org)

**Greenhouse** will become the first eco night club in the U.S.-in time to make it New York Fashion Week's buzziest hot spot. In the three-story space on 10th Avenue, LED lights replace standard bulbs, the toilets are programmed to use less water, furniture is covered with recycled material, and an organic drinks menu is in the works. The club hopes to get LEED certification. Greenhouse locations are also being considered for Paris and Las Vegas.

**Titan Energy** has grown from 2 to 30 employees at the NextEnergy Center in 2 years. The company's Sentry 5000 unit (60 kW) brings power, water purification, satellite communications, heating and cooling to emergency and disaster scenes in a single unit that can be towed easily behind a small truck. Titan is working with NextEnergy to develop a revolutionary electric hybrid unit for the U.S. Defense Logistics Agency. The Sentry EH will contain DC batteries, a photovoltaic system, a wind turbine and a state-of-the-art AC/DC gateway. This advancement will allow the Sentry EH to run for extended periods of time without refueling. [www.titanenergy.com](http://www.titanenergy.com)

**Sustainable Energy Project Development Workshop** for Public Institutions will be held on May 22 at Oakland University. Administrators and facilities managers can become educated on how to install profitable projects based on sustainable wood and wind energy. The workshop will discuss wood chip boiler systems and community & small scale wind power. [www.oakland.edu/energy](http://www.oakland.edu/energy)

**Solar Panel Workshop:** Build Your Own Small PV System will be held on April 26 at Pierce Cedar Creek Institute in Hastings. Bob Kildea will teach you how to build your own small PV system that can power an appliance that uses no more than 500 watts. Contact: 269-721-4190

## Water Conservation/Quality

### **National Water Program Strategy**

[http://www.epa.gov/water/climatechange/docs/3-27-08\\_ccdraftstrategy\\_final.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/water/climatechange/docs/3-27-08_ccdraftstrategy_final.pdf)

### **International Joint Commission Plan for Regulating Lake Ontario/St. Lawrence**

<http://www.ijc.org/LOSLdocuments/index.php>

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## Training/Workshop/Conference Opportunities

### **TRI-ME Reporting Software**

<http://www.epa.gov/tri/report/software/index.htm>

### **Climate Change in the Great Lakes at Michigan State April 9-10**

<http://www.environment.msu.edu/climatechange>

### **Michigan Energy Conference will be held April 11-12 at Ferris State University**

<http://www.ferris.edu/mec>

**Green Lodging Michigan workshop** will be held in Traverse City on April 22, 8:30-11:00 at the Bayshore Resort. Northwest Michigan Sustainable Business Forum and Traverse City Light & Power are sponsoring this program on green practices in the lodging industry.

To register for the free workshop, contact Patty O'Donnell at 231-929-5039 or

[pattyodonnell@nwm.cog.mi.us](mailto:pattyodonnell@nwm.cog.mi.us)

## Feedback

If you have not done so, please take a few moments to complete this short evaluation, thanks.

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=9IkHXUF9iifL6NjXBRHNag\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=9IkHXUF9iifL6NjXBRHNag_3d_3d)

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